

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1, without prejudice, amend claims 1-10, and add new claims 11-12 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium according to claim 1, wherein the monitoring policy includes a parameter that specifies how frequently the monitoring will be conducted.

3. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium according to claim 1, wherein the monitoring policy includes a parameter that specifies which object to monitor.

4. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium according to claim 1, wherein the monitoring policy includes a parameter that specifies which item to monitor.

5. (Currently amended) ~~The computer-readable medium according to claim 1,~~ A computer-readable medium storing a program for monitoring activities on a network, the program causing a computer system to function as:

monitoring policy setting means for setting a monitoring policy;

monitoring means for monitoring the network according to the policy set in
said monitoring policy setting means; and

monitoring policy changing means for changing the current monitoring policy
being set in said monitoring policy setting means, according to a monitoring result reported
by said monitoring means,

wherein said monitoring policy changing means increases the frequency of the monitoring and adds a new object and/or item to the coverage of the monitoring, when degradation in service level of the network is observed.

6. (Currently amended) ~~The computer-readable medium according to~~
~~claim 1,~~A computer-readable medium storing a program for monitoring activities on a
network, the program causing a computer system to function as:

monitoring policy setting means for setting a monitoring policy;

monitoring means for monitoring the network according to the policy set in
said monitoring policy setting means; and

monitoring policy changing means for changing the current monitoring policy
being set in said monitoring policy setting means, according to a monitoring result reported
by said monitoring means,

wherein said monitoring policy changing means decreases the frequency of the monitoring and withdraws an existing object and/or item from the coverage of the monitoring, when improvement in service level of the network is observed.

7. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium according to claim ~~4~~5, further storing a program which causes the computer system to function as resource setup changing means for changing a setup of a predetermined set of resources on the network according to the monitoring result reported by said monitoring means.

8. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium according to claim ~~4~~5, further storing a program which causes the computer system to function as event detecting means for detecting the occurrence of a particular event in a predetermined resource on the network,

wherein said monitoring policy changing means changes the current monitoring policy in response to the particular event detected by said event detecting means.

9. (Currently amended) A network monitoring system which monitors activities on a network, comprising:

monitoring policy setting means for setting a monitoring policy;

monitoring means for monitoring the network according to the policy set in said monitoring policy setting means; and

monitoring policy changing means for changing the current monitoring policy being set in said monitoring policy setting means, according to a monitoring result reported by said monitoring means,

wherein said monitoring policy changing means increases the frequency of the monitoring and adds a new object and/or item to the coverage of the monitoring, when degradation in service level of the network is observed.

10. (Currently amended) A method of monitoring activities on a network, comprising the steps of:

(a) setting a monitoring policy;

(b) monitoring the network according to the policy set at said step (a) of setting; and

(c) changing the current monitoring policy that is originally at said step (a) of setting, according to a monitoring result obtained at said step (b) of monitoring,

(d) increasing the frequency of the monitoring and adding a new object and/or item to the coverage of the monitoring, when degradation in service level of the network is observed.

11. (New) A network monitoring system which monitors activities on a network, comprising:

monitoring policy setting means for setting a monitoring policy;

monitoring means for monitoring the network according to the policy set in said monitoring policy setting means; and

monitoring policy changing means for changing the current monitoring policy being set in said monitoring policy setting means, according to a monitoring result reported by said monitoring means,

wherein said monitoring policy changing means decreases the frequency of the monitoring and withdraws an existing object and/or item from the coverage of the monitoring, when improvement in service level of the network is observed.

12. (New) A method of monitoring activities on a network, comprising the steps of:

- (a) setting a monitoring policy;
- (b) monitoring the network according to the policy set at said step (a) of setting;
- (c) changing the current monitoring policy that is originally at said step (a) of setting, according to a monitoring result obtained at said step (b) of monitoring; and
- (d) decreasing the frequency of the monitoring and withdrawing an existing object and/or item from the coverage of the monitoring, when improvement in service level of the network is observed.